

"Express Mail" mailing label number EL 669 271 052 US

Date of Deposit: January 31, 2002

Case No. 9793/73

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Johann Karl et al.

Serial No: 09/890,442

Examiner: To Be Assigned

Filed: July 26, 2001

Group Art Unit: To Be Assigned

For: Assay for the Detection of N-Terminal proBNP

PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR § 1.136(a))

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is a petition for an extension of time to respond to the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) dated September 20, 2001 for a period of 3 month(s).

- Applicant is:
- a small entity, verified statement is:
 attached
 already filed
 other than small entity

<u>Extension Months</u>	<u>Other Than Small Entity</u>	<u>Small Entity</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> One Month	\$110.00	\$55.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Two Months	\$400.00	\$200.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Three Months	\$920.00	\$460.00

02/08/2002 MNNGUYEN 00000088 09890442

03 FC:117

920.00 0P

<input type="checkbox"/>	Four Months	\$1,440.00	\$720.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Five Months	\$1,960.00	\$980.00

Fee Payment

- Attached is a check for \$920 for the Petition fee.
- Charge Petition fee to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this Petition is attached.
- Charge any additional fee required or credit for any excess fee paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this Petition is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: January 31, 2002



Gregory H. Zayia
Registration No. 48,059
Agent for Applicants

BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE
P.O. BOX 10395
CHICAGO, IL 60610
(312) 321-4200

Rev. Oct.-01
Document9